



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – WEEK #17

As expected, the activity this past week picked up substantially as legislators acknowledged both verbally and with some urgency in their steps that the week was the second to last one of the 2026 legislative session. To no one's surprise, the chambers worked through the other's legislation, picking up bills with momentum for passage as is common at this point in session.

Passing the budget, which is the only item the legislature is constitutionally required to do, saw early action this week despite some resistance and the Senate's insistence that the House hadn't been truthful and upfront in the budget negotiations between the two chambers. Regardless of the friction, the budget bills were sent to the governor with plenty of time to spare, which is a bit of a departure from years past. This is even more impressive given the budget cuts and shortfalls that were a substantial part of the discussion. The governor has line item authority over the budget and will almost certainly take a very close look at the final budget bills to see if there are any glaring policy priorities that demand action or a specific veto.

In addition to the passage of the budget, an additional eight bills were sent to Gov. Kehoe for his signature covering a variety of topics. The Senate also truly agreed and finally passed a number of items this week, including a bill (SB 1233) by Sen. Curtis Trent dealing with professional licensing of a number of different professions, some of which would apply to nursing and APRN licenses. This measure creates a path to temporary licensure for an occupation where the applicant has three years of experience in another state and passes a profession-specific examination before being issued a temporary two-year license. The House also passed a number of bills, including an absolutely massive public safety Senate bill that originated as drone management in public spaces bill to address legalities and security for the World Cup in Kansas City and took on 46 amendments! In my 22 years of being in the Capitol, 46 amendments has to be a record.

For APRNs, the only bright spot this past week came when SB 1719 was referred to committee in the Senate. While this bill has no chance at passage given the time constraints, it will serve as a possible starting point for next session if the legislation is refiled. As anticipated, for APRN legislation, the Speaker of the House successfully kept APRN legislation from moving this session due to his hardline opposition. Despite telling constituents and visitors to his office that he was not opposed and would give the legislation an opportunity to be heard, Jon Patterson failed to refer all of the APRN bills (with a very minor exception for one bill). While the legislation did see progress in the Senate, the Speaker's failure to refer the bill in the House is a testament to his opposition to the measure, and should be instructive as to what he would be like in the Missouri Senate if he successfully wins election in the 8<sup>th</sup> Senate District. It is critically important that APRNs work to elect Rep. Keri Ingle for the seat that will be vacated by Sen. Cierpiot due to term limits. Rep. Ingle has been supportive of APRNs and would join a growing contingent of senators that are fully committed to passing reforms to the APRN statutes and regulations.

Additionally, the incoming Speaker of the House is supportive of reforms to APRN statutes and regulations, going so far as to file bills to repeal the antiquated collaborative practice agreements when he served early on in his tenure as a Missouri State Representative. With a deep bench of APRN supporters in the senate and an increasing number of representatives

aligning with our position, we remain very optimistic about the opportunities for progress in the next legislative session.

For now, we enter the final week of the 2026 legislative session with a number of big-ticket bills still lingering. Although high priority issues have already been resolved and there isn't a fear of mass chaos as in prior sessions, controversial issues like VLTs, prior authorization, economic development, and a health care omnibus remain. For the Senate, expect the floor leader to have a short fuse and lay bills over if too much time is taken by debate. The bills that stand the easiest chance of passage are those that have been thoroughly vetted and hit the floor with general support from both parties. But as with any other prior session, the last week is completely unpredictable and will no doubt present a few surprises along the way. Our goal will be to add APRN language on any health care or professional licensing bill that surfaces in the final week. We will keep you posted on this and reach out if we need constituent contact on anything in the next 5 days.

A full session recap and summary of passed bills will be sent next week. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us at [nursepractitioners@missourinp.org](mailto:nursepractitioners@missourinp.org).

### **APRN LEGISLATION STATUS**

<b>Bill #</b>	<b>Bill Title</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
HB1635	Modifies provisions relating to advanced practice registered nurses	Rep. Matthew Overcast (R)	2026-01-08 H - Read Second Time
HB1636	Modifies provisions relating to the requirements for collaborative practice arrangements between physicians and advanced practice registered nurses	Rep. Matthew Overcast (R)	2026-01-08 H - Read Second Time
HB1989	Modifies provisions relating to advanced practice registered nurses	Rep. Dave Hinman (R)	2026-01-08 H - Read Second Time
HB2067	Modifies provisions relating to the prescriptive authority of advanced practice registered nurses	Rep. David Casteel (R)	2026-01-08 H - Read Second Time
HB2287	Modifies provisions relating to prescriptive authority for advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants	Rep. Chris Brown (R)	2026-04-14 H - Referred to committee - House-Health and Mental Health - House-Health and Mental Health
HB2391	Modifies provisions relating to advanced practice registered nurses	Rep. Marty Joe Murray (D)	2026-01-08 H - Read Second Time
HB2556	Specifies that certain medical titles or specialty designations are reserved for the use of licensed physicians	Rep. Cathy Jo Loy (R)	2026-04-14 H - Referred to committee - House-Health and Mental Health - House-Health and Mental Health

HB3040	Modifies provisions relating to advanced practice registered nurses	Rep. Matthew Overcast (R)	2026-01-22 H - Read Second Time
HB3065	Modifies provisions relating to the requirements for collaborative practice arrangements between physicians and advanced practice registered nurses	Rep. Matthew Overcast (R)	2026-01-27 H - Read Second Time
HB3099	Modifies provisions relating to the prescriptive authority of advanced practice registered nurses	Rep. Marty Joe Murray (D)	2026-01-28 H - Read Second Time
HB3217	Modifies provisions relating to collaborative practice arrangements with physicians	Rep. Matthew Overcast (R)	2026-02-05 H - Read Second Time
HJR187	Proposes a constitutional amendment relating to health care professionals	Rep. Matthew Overcast (R)	2026-02-16 H - Read Second Time
SB979	Modifies provisions relating to advanced practice registered nurses	Sen. Nick Schroer (R)	2026-03-31 S - Voted Do Pass as substituted - Senate-Emerging Issues and Professional Registration - Senate-Emerging Issues and Professional Registration
SB1016	Modifies provisions relating to advanced practice registered nurses	Sen. Patty Lewis (D)	2026-03-31 S - Superseded by SB 979
SB1672	Establishes provisions relating to the practice of medicine	Sen. Justin Brown (R)	2026-04-16 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Emerging Issues and Professional Registration - Senate-Emerging Issues and Professional Registration
SB1719	Establishes provisions relating to health care workplace violence and advanced practice registered nurses	Sen. Nick Schroer (R)	2026-05-07 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

For all tracked bills with recent action, here is the activity in the last week for health care/professional registration related legislation:

**AMNP TRACKED BILLS WITH ACTION IN THE LAST 7 DAYS**

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsor	Last Action
HB2372	Modifies provisions relating to health care	Rep. Tara Peters (R)	2026-05-07 S - Placed on Informal Calendar

SB1719	Establishes provisions relating to health care workplace violence and advanced practice registered nurses	Sen. Nick Schroer (R)	2026-05-07 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health
SB1724	Makes xylazine a Schedule III controlled substance	Sen. Justin Brown (R)	2026-05-07 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence
SB1775	Establishes provisions relating to workplace violence in health care facilities and modifies provisions relating to assault in the fourth degree	Sen. Kurtis Gregory (R)	2026-05-07 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence
SB1804	Prohibits certain professional licensing boards from waiving or modifying administrative rules related to prescription authority	Sen. Doug Beck (D)	2026-05-07 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Emerging Issues and Professional Registration - Senate-Emerging Issues and Professional Registration

The AMNP hosted Advocacy Days for the 2026 legislative session have concluded. We appreciate ALL of you who took time to make the trip to Jefferson City (some multiple times) to share your voice and circumstances with your elected officials. Your constituent presence makes a HUGE difference, and APRNs had a weekly presence in the Capitol this year due to the joint advocacy day promotion of APRN organizations such as AMNP, MONA, STLNAP, and MOAPRNFPFA. Although AMNP's advocacy days may be over, MOAPRNFPFA will hold the final one of the 2026 session. You can register for that at the link below.

### **2026 APRN ADVOCACY DAYS**

#### **May**

- **May 13** – [MOAPRNFPFA](#) sponsored APRN Day at the Capitol